

CHILD HEALTH ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES
October 13, 2011
Freeway Medical Building
Room 906

Attendees: Barbara Kumpe, Bob West, Brett Stone, Charlotte Davis, Connie Whitfield, Elton Cleveland, Jada Walker, Laura Bednar, Michelle Justus (via phone), Michelle Smith, Paula Smith, Rosemary Rodibaugh

Absentees: Andrea Martin, Carole Garner, Elisabeth Burak, Laura Sanders, Pam Jones, Tony Thurman

Substitutes: Don Johnson (Kathy McFetridge)

Staff: Brittany Johnson, Joy Rockenbach

Next meeting: November 10, 2011

Business

- Connie Whitfield moved to accept the July minutes as written. Motion passed.
- Barbara Kumpe moved to accept the August minutes. Motion passed.
- Charlotte moved to accept the September minutes. Motion passed.

Letter to Board of Education Update

The second letter written to the Board of Education was read to the committee. Jada asked members if they would like to send the letter from the committee to the Board of Education. Brett found supporting scientific articles to submit with the letter. It was suggested that the letter be submitted to the Board of Education, the Board of Health, and other pertinent entities. There will be a public Board of Health meeting held on November 3, 2011 at the Winthrop Rockefeller Institute at 9:00 a.m. Dr. Kimbrell is on to speak at this meeting. Members also discussed sending the first letter as a reference with the second letter. Barbara made the motion to send both letters along with the scientific articles to the Board of Education by October 31st. The motion passed.

CSH-based Recommendations

Charlotte Davis presented the changes made for the Nutrition Services group. She also reported that no changes were made to the Staff Wellness recommendations.

Barbara Kumpe presented for the Physical Education and Physical Activity group. Barbara suggested highlighting what schools are already doing, so that other schools will know how to implement these recommendations as well. She also suggested coming up with a way to get information out to schools on what grants are available to them for help.

Barbara asked everyone to meet with their groups to come up with revisions. She made a motion that all revisions be made by the November meeting and ready to be voted on at the December committee meeting.

There was discussion on adding another column to the recommendations to show successes and strategies that can be used to implement the recommendations. It was suggested to have two separate documents, one with the revised recommendations and another with the rationale and successes. Dr. Bednar will ask Debbie at the Department of Education to help with formatting the document. Any content from the schools will be submitted to Jada.

Visibility and Viability of CHAC

The group discussed the mission and goals of the committee. There was discussion on whether to continue providing lunch after the monthly meetings or using those funds for other things. It was suggested to cut the cost of food by providing members with muffins, water, and coffee at the beginning of the meeting. Some suggested using the money to create a website and brochures for the committee, so that others can see exactly what the committee does.

There was also discussion on presentation topics. Members were asked if they would like to invite other groups to discuss different topics to the committee. Some of the topics suggested were: No Hungry Kids Campaign, Dr. Phillips on Obesity, Arkansas out of School Network, Results from the School Health Report, and the UALR Minority Health Report.

Organization and Program Updates

Staff

Joy reported that Mary Wells is out on maternity leave. She also announced that Audra Walters has been hired as the new ADH Coordinated School Health Coordinator. The ADE Coordinated School Health position is still open.

Arkansas Department of Health

Dr. West reported that the first case of flu has been reported in Northeast Arkansas. He also reported that flu clinics started October 10th. All ADH employees are now required to get flu shots.

Child Nutrition Unit

Sheila Brown announced that Act 1220 special needs funding allows schools to pay for student's that receive reduced breakfast and lunch costs. She also stated that there has been discussion on allowing entrepreneurial opportunities for coffee and bakery shops in schools for instructional purposes.

Department of Education

Dr. Bednar announced that Laura McDowell's and Debbie Woods' positions are still vacant. She also reported that they are trying to certify already existing school based wellness centers.

Hometown Health Initiative

Kim Hooks reported that they are now fully staffed. An Injury Prevention presentation on teen driving was presented at their last meeting. They will be providing education to people on this issue.

Act 1220

Joy reported that the Center for Health Improvement has requested student demographic data from the Department of Education. ADE should have this information ready mid to late November.

Act 1220 CPH Evaluation

Jada reported that they are entering their final year of funding and data collection. Jada will work on getting Dr. Phillips to come and present evaluation data to the committee. The wellness center reports are on-going with their data analysis.

Comments

Katherine Hall-Trujillo will be presenting the STAR.HEALTH & THE BIRTHING PROJECT: Partners in Reducing Infant Mortality in the Delta at ADH on Monday, October 17, 2011 at 11:30 a.m. in the Auditorium.

The meeting adjourned at 11:51 A.M.